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SPARTANBURG ROAD BOOSTERS CELEBRATE THE NEW HIGHWAY.

About 150 Come to Hendersonville to Celebrate Opening Road Through Blue Ridge Mountains.

Enthusiastic road boosters from Spartanburg to Hendersonville celebrated the completion and opening of the Hendersonville-Saluda-Tryon-Spartanburg highway last Thursday.

The celebrators numbered between 150 and 200, and they made the trip on motorcycles and automobiles, arriving at Hendersonville about 2 o'clock. The party was entertained at the Community club, where luncheon was served, after which a photograph of the party was taken in front of the club building and a number of enthusiastic talks were made.

Praise for Mr. Patton.

Arch B. Calvert of Spartanburg, chairman of the committee of boosters, told how he and W. A. Smith of Hendersonville at Mimosa hotel near Tryon about seven years ago conferred and formulated plans for building a highway through the mountains from Spartanburg to Hendersonville. He expressed the satisfaction realization of such "dreams" had afforded him and highly congratulated the road authorities in Polk and Henderson counties and threw flattering compliments at Road Supervisor P. F. H. Patton and on the great work accomplished with a comparatively small sum of money.

He gave his hearers to understand that Henderson county had an asset in her road roads and in the builder of these roads of which she could justly feel proud. He said that the completion of this highway meant the making of closer neighbors of North and South Carolinians. He was freely applauded and when he closed his remarks Supervisor Patton was called for. He modestly said that he couldn't speak that he always had a spokesman, but he expressed gratification in having the South Carolina boosters inspect the highway and especially that they were pleased with the results.

W. A. Smith was called for and he had loud words of praise for the South Carolina people and expressed satisfaction at what had been accomplished in road building. Mr. Smith said that he had considerable experience in road building for he had done more of it at his own expense than any other one man in this section and that he was prepared to declare that supervisor Patton was a "genius" at road building. He declared that Mr. Patton could do as much with one dollar as any body else he knew could do with three times that amount and

CITIZENS AND NATIONAL BANKS CONSOLIDATE.

Stockholders Decide to Combine Forces Under Name of the Citizens National Bank; Officer Interviewed.

President E. W. Ewbank of the Citizens bank when asked for a statement as to the consolidation of this bank with the Peoples National bank, made the following statement:

"At the meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens bank held on the first of April and the meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples National bank held on the same date it was decided to consolidate the two institutions under a charter from the federal government under the name of Citizens National bank, of Hendersonville.

"This is a consummation that has long been sought, but which has only just reached the point of attainment. While both banks have been successful as to the consolidation of this bank with the Peoples National bank, made the following statement: "At the meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens bank held on the first of April and the meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples National bank held on the same date it was decided to consolidate the two institutions under a charter from the federal government under the name of Citizens National bank, of Hendersonville.

STATE POLITICAL TALK.

E. C. Duncan Said to be Suitable to the Republicans for Governor.

Washington, April 13.—It is now conceded by leaders in every faction of the Republican party in North Carolina that E. C. Duncan, railroad man, banker and politician, will be nominated by the G. O. P. for governor to succeed Locke Craig. The Republicans think that they hear a demand for a "business" man at Raleigh. Mr. Duncan has succeeded both as "business man" and Republican politician.

Robert H. McNeill, formerly of Wilkesboro but now of Washington has been to the State recently, and found nothing but Duncan sentiment. The

Sidewalks or Mudwalks

YOU, Mr. Citizen of this town! Do you want your dollars to build sidewalks in this town, or do you want them to be used in building sidewalks in the big cities?

When you send your dollars to the mail-order man they are building sidewalks for him to walk on; when you spend them with the merchants of this town they will help to build sidewalks for you to walk on.

Why not assist in keeping your own feet out of the mud?

Why not assist in making this town a better place in which to live?

You can do it by spending your dollars with the merchants who are paying taxes in this town instead of with those who are paying taxes in the cities.

Are you willing to be a booster for your town, not for that of the mail-order man?

Think it over.

Merchants Association of Hendersonville

City is Enjoying a Religious Feast



Hendersonville is enjoying a religious feast, which will continue for several days.

Revival services began at the Methodist church Sunday and will continue through this week into next, and when they come to a close they will be followed by revival services at the First Baptist church.

The opening services at the Methodist church were conducted, by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Womble, Sunday, the Rev. E. M. Hoyle, a revivalist of marked ability and pastor of the Haywood Street Methodist church of Asheville, taking charge Monday night, when an unusually interesting service was held. Rev. Mr. Hoyle deeply impressed his congregation at the outset, taking as his subject the barren tree. He outlined the religious opportunities and possibilities of this country today as being greater than ever before by reason of warring nations. He continued this line of thought, narrowing it down to the individual, when he closed his sermon

in a way that deeply impressed and moved his hearers.

The service was well attended, members of various churches being present. The following services have been very interesting and for several days Rev. Mr. Hoyle will preach in his strong and impressive way on the subject of sin, repentance, regeneration, etc.

Rev. Mr. Womble emphasized the fact that the services would not be Methodist services but services for the Lord, and he earnestly requested members of other religious denominations to attend.

Services are conducted at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. o'clock at night. The choir is composed of members of the different churches.

At a meeting of the pastor and the board of deacons of the First Baptist church Sunday it was decided to begin revival services at the close of those at the Methodist church. Dr. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville, has been engaged to conduct this revival.

DISTRICT MEETING OF K. OF P. TO BE HELD AT CANTON.

J. C. Sales of Fletcher is rallying the 13th and 14th districts for the first joint meeting held. His call for the meeting at Canton follows:

"Fletcher, N. C., April 13, 1915.

"Dear Brother:

"A joint meeting of the 13th and 14th Districts will be held on the evening of the 29th and the morning of the 30th of this month with

Canton, N. C. Please see that your lodge is well represented. It is the purpose of Brother Thos. L. Green, D. D. G. C., of the 14th and myself, with the co-operation of the various lodges in the two districts, to make of this a great Pythian gathering.

"If there ever was a time when we ought to be very diligent in disseminating the principles of our order, it seems to me, now is the time.

"Elect your delegates and boost. "J. C. SALES, "D. D. G. C."

ASHEVILLE MERCHANTS TO VISIT HENDERSONVILLE.

Will Tell Local Merchants on April 20 How to Conduct to Advantage the Merchants Association.

Asheville merchants will be the guests of Hendersonville merchants on the night of April 20, when the former will tell the local business men how to make the most of the recently organized Merchants association.

The local merchants are preparing to undertake things of importance to their business but before deciding definitely upon these matters wanted to avail themselves of the experiences, good and otherwise, of Asheville merchants, who have been for some time receiving the benefits of organized effort.

Efforts will be made to have all men doing a credit business in Hendersonville, whether members of the association or not, attend this meeting and avail themselves of the good things to be said.

The meeting will be called to order at 8:30 o'clock.

Miss Stephenson, assistant secretary of the State Merchants association, has advised the local association that she will be present and tell something of the advantages of merchants associations.

The following letter from the Asheville Merchants association will be of interest to Hendersonville merchants:

Accepts Invitation.

"Replying to yours of April 2nd, it gives me pleasure to advise that several of our leading members will accept your invitation and be with you Tuesday evening, April 20th. At our meeting last evening no less than six members pledged themselves to go.

"Miss L. Male Stephenson will be here at that time and an effort will be made to get her to accompany our crowd.

"Thanking you for the invitation and assuring you that a good crowd will visit you from Asheville, I am, "Yours very truly,

"R. J. WORLEY, "Secretary."

GERMAN SHIP IS INTERNED GERMANY TO PAY DAMAGES.

Newport News, Va., April 8.—The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, temporarily in custody of the United States government authorities here since last midnight, following the announcement of Commander Max Thierichens that he desired to intern his vessel for the remainder of the European war, will be moved to the Norfolk navy yard at Portsmouth, Va., between 2 and 3 o'clock tomorrow. A pilot from the navy yard will come to Newport News to take charge of the sea raider on her last voyage until the war is over.

Will be Interned.

Immediately following the arrival of the Eitel at the navy yard the physical internment will take place under the jurisdiction of Admiral Beatty. The breach blocks of the warship will be taken off and the connecting rods of her engines dismantled. Captain Thierichens and the commissioned officers will be released under parole and the members of the crew allowed shore liberty under such rules as the navy department may designate. The Eitel would have been transferred to the navy yard today but for a request from Commander Thierichens that he be allowed to remain here for the funeral of Seaman Frei, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Frei accidentally fell down a flight of steps yesterday afternoon and died a few minutes later from a fracture of the skull.

Germany to Compensate Losers.

Washington, April 8.—German's intention to compensate the owners of the American ship William P. Frye, sunk on the high seas with her cargo of wheat by the commerce raider, Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was communicated formally to the United States today.

Ambassador Gerard cabled a note handed him by the Berlin foreign office in reply to the recent American communication submitting an indemnity claim for \$228,959.54 on behalf of the Frye's owners. The foreign office upholds the legality under international law of the raider's action in sinking the Frye and bases the liability of the German government to pay indemnity solely on the old Prussian-American treaties of 1799 and 1828, which provide that contraband belonging to the subjects or citizens of either party cannot be confiscated by the other and may be detained or used only in consideration of payment of the full value.

Must go to Prize Court.

In view of this situation the note says, the American owners must be compensated for their loss. It is pointed out, however, that the case must go into a prize court that questions of ownership, cargo and destination may be established formally.

GIFTS OF THE STORK.

The Faithful Stork has made three visits to Hendersonville recently, which resulted as follows: Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hobbs, on Saturday, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Grimes, on Monday a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Bryson, on Sunday a son.

GRAND LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS MEET HERE FROM MAY 18 TO 21.

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Are Busy in Effort to Provide Entertainment for Those Who Attend.

The North Carolina grand lodge J. O. O. F., will hold the annual session this year in Hendersonville, the dates May 18 to 21, having just been selected by the grand lodge committee having charge of the arrangements.

It is expected that the attendance will be larger than for several years. Guy Weaver of Asheville is grand warden and Thomas L. Green of Waynesville deputy grand master. Mr. Green will probably be elected grand master at the approaching meeting, to succeed W. F. Evans of Greenville, the present grand master.

Each lodge of Odd Fellows in North Carolina is entitled to send one delegate to the Hendersonville meeting but it is thought that the official representatives of the lodges, especially in western North Carolina will be accompanied by other members of the order who desire to witness the sessions of the grand lodge.

The membership of the grand lodge is estimated at over 16,000 and the first session of the grand lodge in this state was held in 1845, and then every year thereafter until 1861, when no sessions were held and none were held until 1865 when an informal meeting of the Odd Fellows of the state was held, at the request of the sovereign grand lodge, the grand lodge being asked to send delegates to the sovereign meeting at Baltimore that year.

The grand sire, Mr. Daniels, is expected to attend the grand lodge.

Rebekahs and Odd Fellows Busy.

The Wantaska lodge of Rebekahs is making extensive preparations for entertaining the grand lodge of Odd Fellows and the assembly of Rebekahs in Hendersonville in May. They will soon be collecting the names of those who will entertain delegates. The local Rebekahs are meeting on each Monday night and renewed interest is being taken in the lodge work.

The local Rebekahs have been invited to attend the district meeting of Rebekahs of West Asheville on April 16 and 17. Miss Laura Arledge, Mrs. O. R. Whitaker and Mrs. L. M. Dodamead will attend this meeting.

When the grand lodge met here a few years ago the Wantaska lodge put on degree work that was highly commendable and the local lodge has invited the Swannanoa Rebekah lodge to confer the degree work when the grand lodge assembles here in May.

The Odd Fellows of Hendersonville are active and various committees are busy with the view to making the entertainment feature one to be enjoyed by all who attend the session of the grand lodge.

HENDERSONVILLE DELEGATION ENTERTAINED AT UNIVERSITY.

Chapel Hill, April 12.—The Henderson County club had the very pleasant privilege of entertaining the Hendersonville high school representatives during the latter part of the last week.

Miss Steedman and the debaters arrived here on Thursday. On Thursday night the first preliminaries were held. Miss Fisher and Mr. Briggs representing the affirmative spoke against eleven schools. They won third place in this contest, but as only two teams were to be chosen from their section, they were not allowed to contest in the semi-final, which was held on Friday morning. Miss Fisher charmed her audience by her easy manner and positive tone. She was stopped many times during her speech by loud applause.

Mr. Dotson and Mr. Davis representing the negative also contested with eleven schools and won first place. This placed Hendersonville in the semi-final contest. On Friday morning they contested with twelve schools for the privilege of entering the final for the Aycock Memorial Cup. They tied for second place being beaten only by the Wilson team, which was selected to represent the State on the negative side of the debate. The Hendersonville negative team tied with Carthage for second honors.

On Saturday the Henderson County club had an informal meeting in honor of the Hendersonville High school representatives. We were greatly pleased to have with us Mr. Seagle, who formerly lived in Hendersonville. Mr. Seagle is an alumnus of Carolina. He spoke to us on the conditions of Henderson county now as compared with conditions when he was growing up. While praising our debaters he said: "In my travel over the state I have heard many high school debaters and I can truly say that you are surpassed by none." Mr. Hubert Smith, our accomplished president, spoke on behalf of the club. He stated briefly the purpose of the organization of the Henderson County club. Mr. Smith said that it was the aim of the club to put Henderson at the top where she rightly belongs. Mr. L. J. Pace spoke for the freshman class. Miss Steedman and Mr. Dotson replied thanking the club for their most gracious entertainment.

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TWO-STORY HOUSE BURNS IN DEPOT SECTION; TOTAL LOSS.

The two-story summer home of M. B. Smith of Cheraw, S. C., was burned in the depot section Wednesday night between 11 and 12 o'clock. The house was vacant and the origin of the blaze is unknown.

Fire was first discovered around the chimney in the upper portion of the building.

The fire department responded promptly but was handicapped by reason of a very small stream with which to fight the blaze, therefore all efforts to extinguish the flames were futile, only serving to reduce the blaze and prevent spreading. The house was on the outer edge of the city, being the farthest east of any building in that section.

The owner was in Hendersonville Wednesday, leaving the city on the afternoon train. While here he made arrangements for re-painting the building.

The building was estimated to be worth three or four thousand dollars and was partly covered by insurance.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL BICKETT.

Duncan support seems to have grown into a real boomlet, and has knocked all others out of the ring.

In the meantime the Democrats are cawing wood, and watching the clouds roll by.

Friends of Attorney General Bickett claim that he has practically landed the Democratic nomination. People close to him vow that he has enough men promised to put him over the ropes in the first half of the game.

But, there are those who beg to differ with the Bickettites. It is not believed in Washington for a minute that Senator Simmons and his loyal lieutenants will stand idly by and let Mr. Bickett get the nomination. Senator Simmons has not announced his candidacy to succeed himself but he will do it in due time. There is no doubt about his attitude toward another term.

A friend of the Simmons faction of the Democratic party in North Carolina will give Mr. Bickett a run for his money. Just who the Simmons forces will go behind is yet a secret. Col. A. D. Watts, like Brer Fox is lying mighty low, but he is thinking, thinking.

Within the next six months interesting developments in the gubernatorial race in North Carolina are expected, and another harvest is on the way to cheer the people a little the political pot will begin to boil.

The names mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination are Representative Robert N. Page, E. L. Daughtridge, A. W. McLean, A. J. McInnon and T. W. Bickett. If Mr. McLean does not enter the contest, Senator Simmons may support a farmer, Mr. Daughtridge, for instance, or somebody else.

The talk of too many lawyers has frightened some Democrats, who fear another populist movement to kill off the lawyers, who, it is said, get most of the good things in the way of jobs. While there is more talk than truth in the charge that lawyers fare better than others in the Democratic party some of the workers would ally any sort of feeling against any class.

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